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SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION OF GRAIN RESERVES

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, USLO RAISED MATTER OF LONDON MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES ORALLY WITH TING YUAN-HUNG, MFA DIRECTOR OF USA AFFAIRS, ON JANUARY 3. HE ASKED WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES WERE BEING INVITED, IN REPLY TO WHICH USLO OFFICER GAVE HIM THE NAMES OF THOSE COUNTRIES LISTED AS ADDRESSEES REFTEL. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER THIS REPRESENTED EXTENSION OF FORMAL INVITATION TO PRC TO PARTICIPATE. USLO OFFICER SAID IT WAS NOT A FORMAL INVITATION, BUT REPEATED HIS EARLIER REMARK THAT WE WOULD WELCOME PRC PARTICIPATION IF IT WISHES TO ATTEND. TING SAID HE APPRECIATED RECEIVING THE INFORMATION AND WOULD REFER IT TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS.

2. AS WE WERE PUTTING THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN CABLE TO WASHINGTON,  
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JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR SASAKI CALLED AT USLO TO INFORM

US OF A MEETING WHICH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAD WITH CHINESE ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID THAT ON DECEMBER 27 HE ACCOMPANIED ECONOMIC MINISTER COUNSELOR YANAGIYA IN CALL ON PI CHI-LUNG (3968/1323/7893) OF MFA LEGAL SECTION WHO WAS A DEPUTY HEAD OF THE PRC DELEGATION TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME.

3. SASAKI SAID PI EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT A REASONABLE FOOD RESERVE SYSTEM COULD BE DEvised AND NOTED THAT THE PRC HAD RESERVATIONS ON THE SUBJECT AT ROME. ACCORDING TO SASAKI, PI MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS: PRICE CHANGES THAT OCCUR BETWEEN THE TIME RESERVES

ARE ACCUMULATED AND DISPERSED; THE INABILITY OF GRAIN IMPORTERS, WHICH ARE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO BUY THE GRAIN THEY NEED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS; THE INFRINGEMENT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY THAT WOULD OCCUR IF ONE'S COUNTRY RESERVES ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED DUE TO DECISIONS MADE BY OTHERS; AND THE POWER THAT A RESERVE SYSTEM WOULD GIVE FOOD EXPORTING COUNTRIES OVER MATTERS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

4. SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO THE FEBRUARY 10-11 MEETING, PI TOLD THE JAPANESE THAT CHINA HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON WHETHER IT WOULD ATTEND, HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A FORMAL INVITATION, AND WAS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT THE AGENDA WOULD BE. (SASAKI SAID PI SEEMED TO THINK THE FEBRUARY MEETING WOULD DEAL WITH SHORT TERM RATHER THAN LONG TERM PROBLEMS.) NEVERTHELESS, PI INDICATED THAT A MEETING ON GRAIN RESERVES WOULD BE USEFUL. THUS, SASAKI SAID, HE CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PRC WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO THE LONDON MEETING.

5. COMMENT: WE ASSUME TING INTERPRETED OUR MEETING WITH HIM IN PART AS AN EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE CHINESE WANT A FORMAL INVITATION. WE DO NOT KNOW IF OR WHEN HE MAY CONTACT US ON THE MATTER. IN VIEW OF THE JAPANESE IMPRESSIONS REPORTED ABOVE, PLEASE ADVISE IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO TAKE ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

CONCEIVABLY, IF THE CHINESE WANT TO ATTEND THEY WOULD LIKE THE US TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN EXTENDING THEM A FORMAL INVITATION RATHER THAN TO INDICATE TO US THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED.

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